

October 30, 2008

NSSRS – 2008-09 School Year Data

The Fall 2008-09 submission window closes at midnight (Central Daylight Savings Time) on October 31st. The NDE Helpdesk staff will be available until 6:00 p.m. (CDST) to help. Remember, not only do the files need to be submitted, any errors must be resolved before the window closes.

NSSRS - 2007-08 School Year Data

The NSSRS will be open November 3- 12 for resubmission of 2007-08 data changes, as approved, as well as completer/graduate and dropout information to update 2007-08 data. There is no need to seek NDE approval to update completer/graduate and dropout information.

In future years, completer (graduate) information should be submitted in the June 30 submission except for summer graduates that will always need to be reported during a Fall submission.

NOTE: Districts were not required to include completer/graduate data last June.

However, we've attached a file with the number of graduates reported last June to assist districts in knowing whether they need to submit the data now. This data must be submitted during the November 3- 12 window.

Error – NSSRS Validation 299

NSSRS Validation 299 helps districts identify students reported as a 2007-08 dropout but were reported in 2008-09 Fall Membership by a Nebraska district. By definition, these students are not dropouts. A 2007-08 School Enrollment record indicating 201 (Transfer out) should be provided during the November 3 – 12 window if the student is now attending another district. Validation 299 will assist in reducing the dropout counts for over 50 districts.

NCLB

The 2008-09 NCLB Consolidated Application is due November 7th.

Final Reports to close-out all 2007-08 were due September 30. The latest analysis shows there are still some districts that have not submitted Final Reports. As noted in the State and Federal Grant Management Guidance and Requirements, all Final Reports must be submitted within 45 days of the end of the grant. Since this falls on a Saturday this year, all Final Reports must be submitted by November 15th.

The U. S. Department of Education released new requirements in the Federal Register. This guidance is intended to strengthen NCLB requirements regarding Supplemental Educational Services (SES) and Public School Choice, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and most importantly, graduation rate calculations and formulas. Be warned, the Federal Register link is a 97 page document. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-25270.pdf>